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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary of the Upcoming Week

- **Slight to enhanced risk area for severe thunderstorms for very large hail, damaging winds, and an isolated tornado across E NM, W TX this afternoon and evening. Daily severe thunderstorm activity continues for E NM, W TX through Sunday.**
- **Marginal to slight risk area for heavy rain/flash flooding across E NM, W TX and W OK each day through Sunday. Heavy rain threat shifts to S OK, Ctrl/S TX Monday and Tuesday.**
- **Elevated fire weather concerns for SW NM through Saturday.**
- **Minor river flooding continues across E TX and AR. New minor flooding is occurring along the Rio Grande in W TX due to heavy rain over northern Mexico. Action stage conditions in N NM will continue through the weekend.**



FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 26, 2023 - May 30, 2023

DAY / THREAT	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Severe Storms	E NM, W TX	W TX, W OK, E NM	TX/OK Panhandles		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE NM, TX Panhandle	W TX, W OK, E NM	W TX, W OK, E NM	S OK, Ctrl/STX	Ctrl/STX
Fire Weather	SW NM	SW NM			
Tropical Winds / Surge					
River Flooding	N NM, W/E TX, AR	N NM, W/E TX, AR	N NM, E TX, AR	N NM, AR	N NM, AR

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



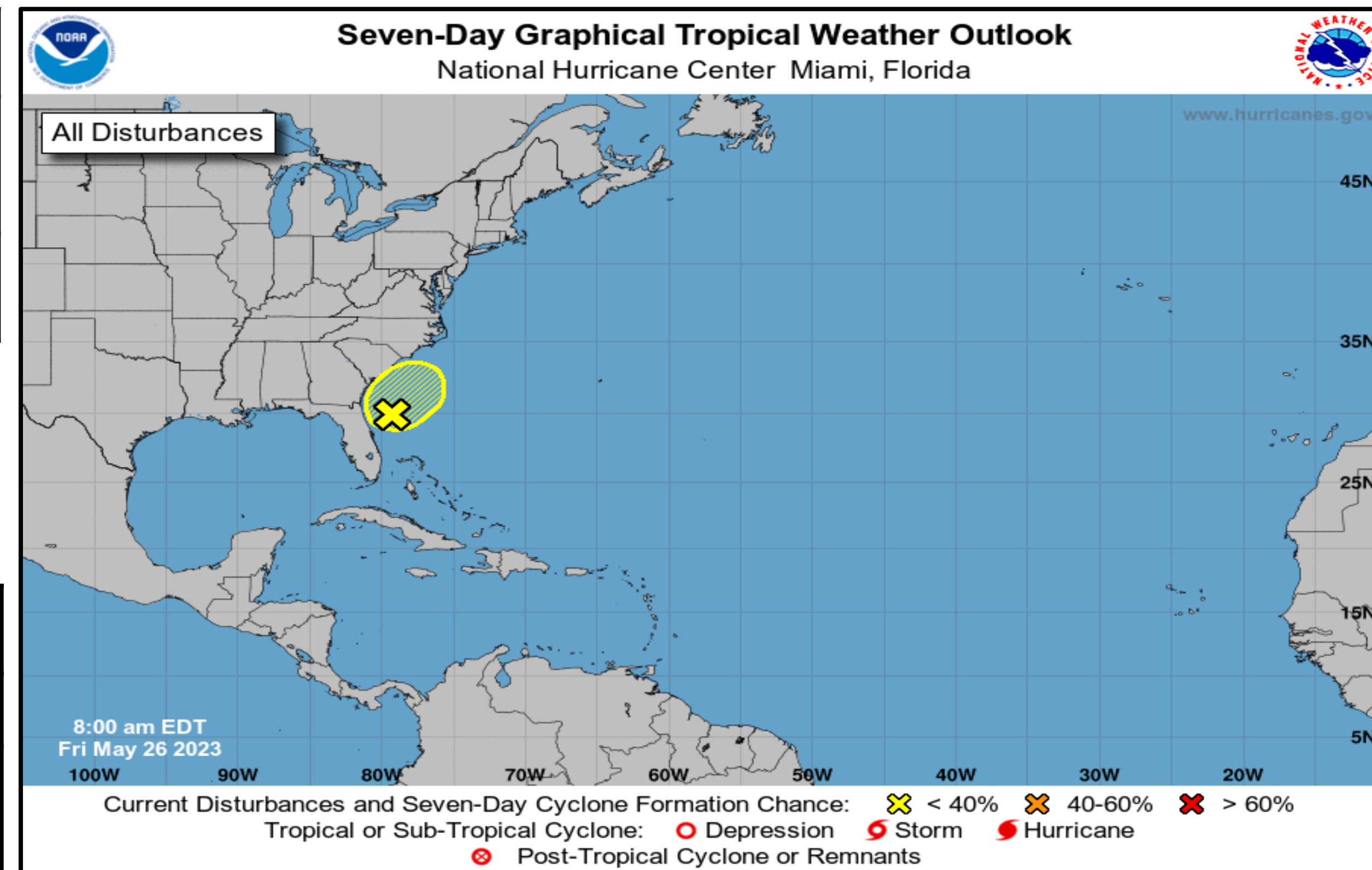
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	Low	None

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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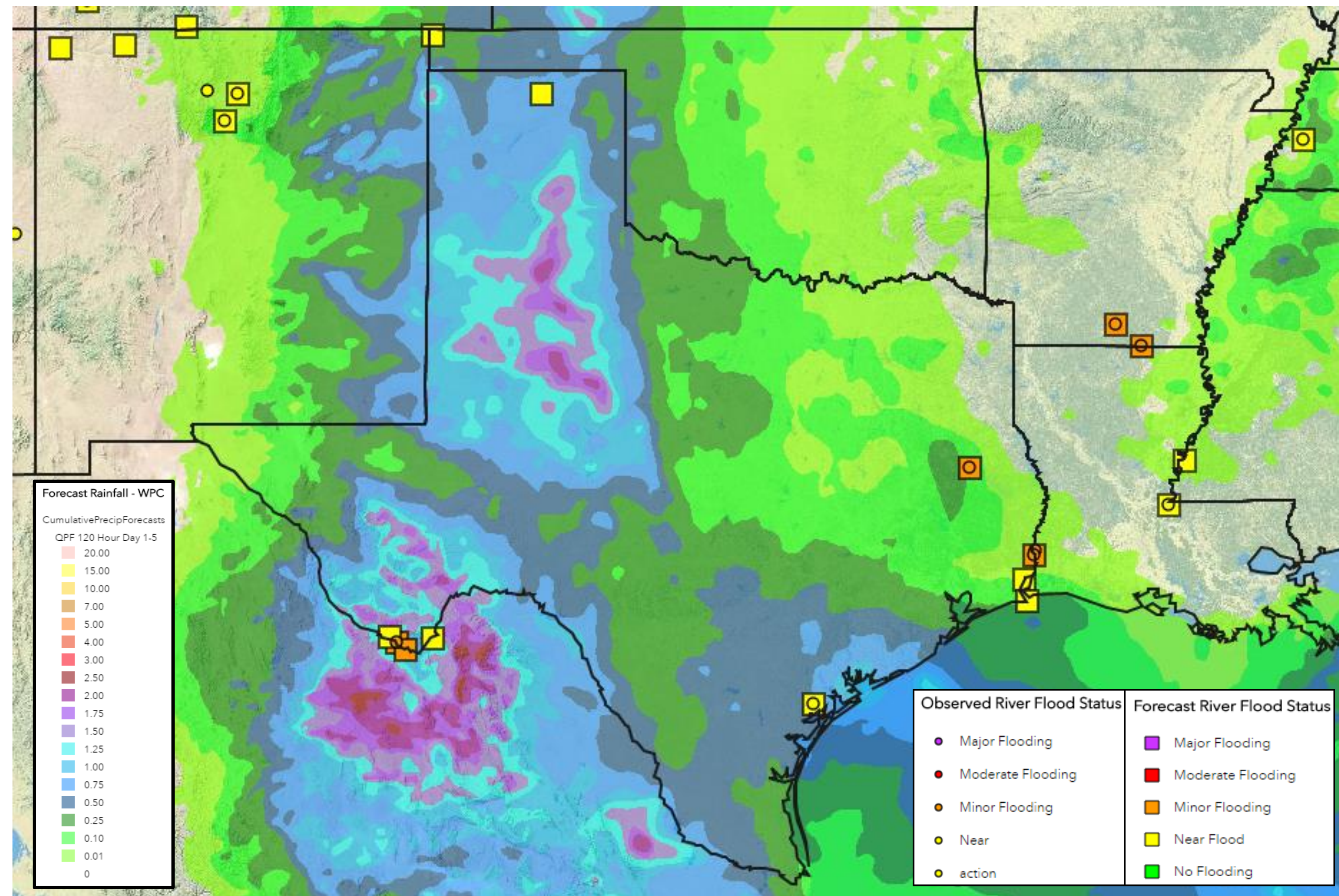


See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms



5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Minor river flooding ongoing across E/W TX and AR. Impacts to roads/highways, agricultural areas, and/or recreational areas.

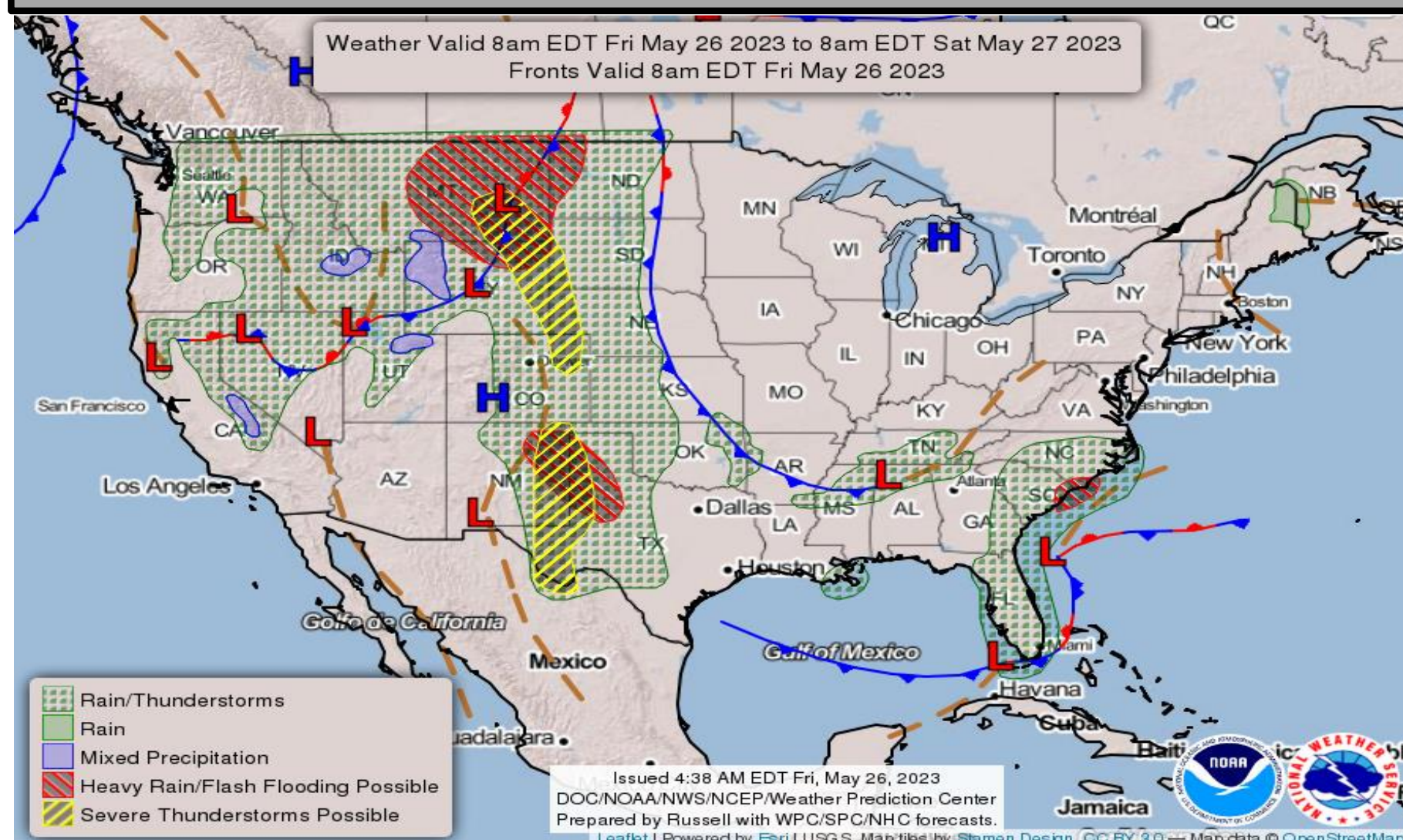
Action stage conditions in N NM will continue through the weekend. Some secondary roads may be impacted as small tributaries overflow their banks.

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for latest river flooding

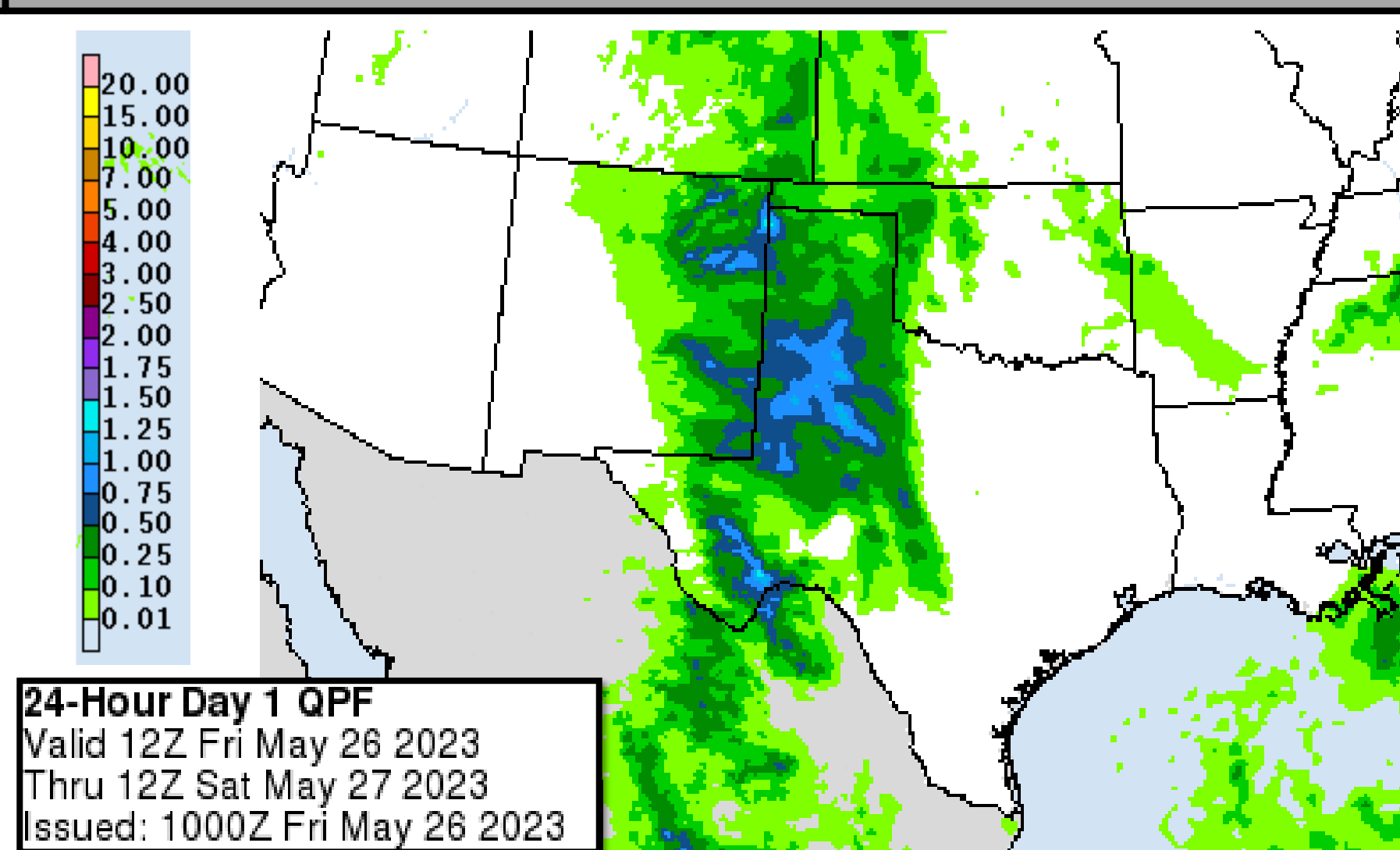


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



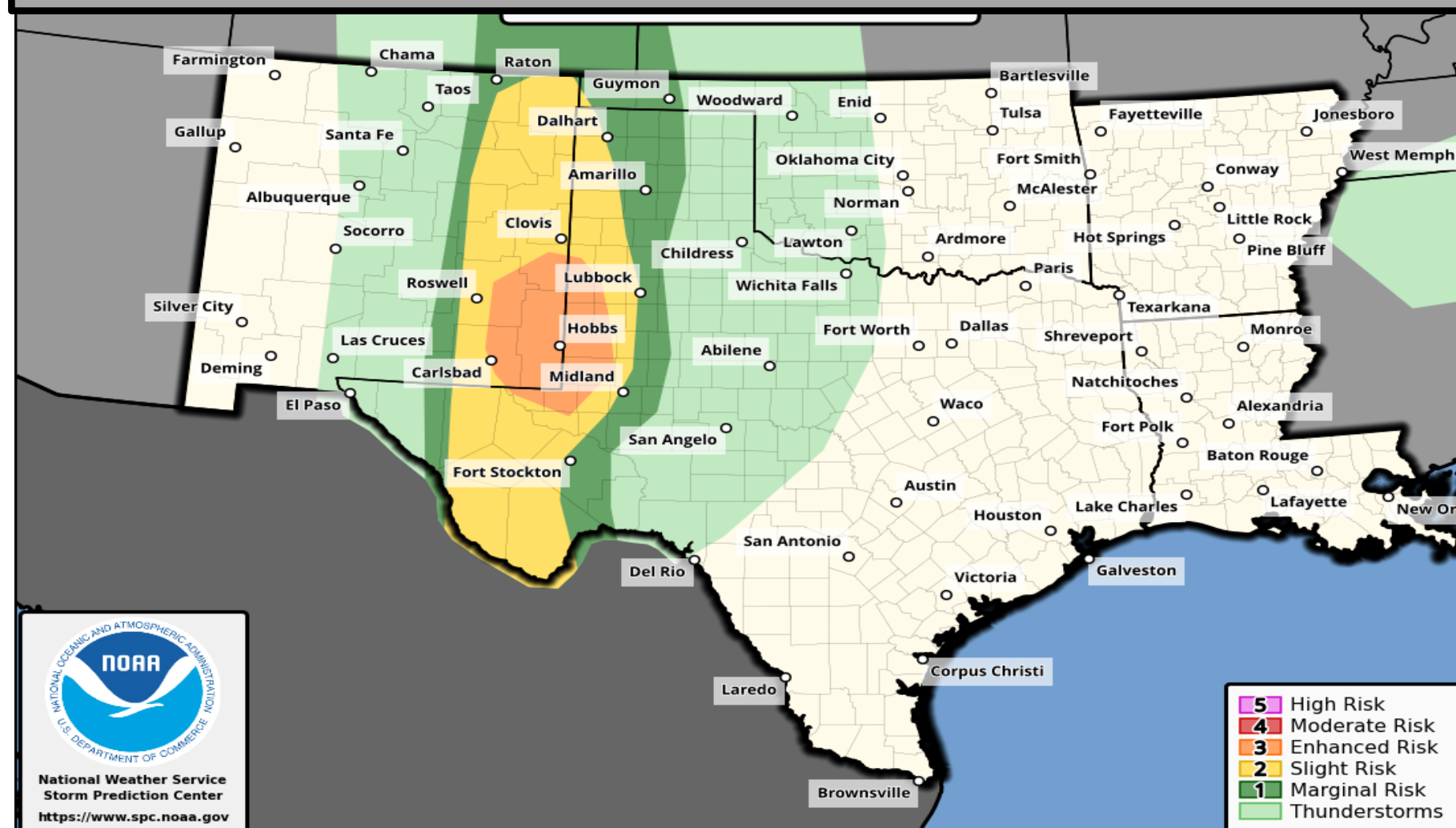
Forecast Rainfall



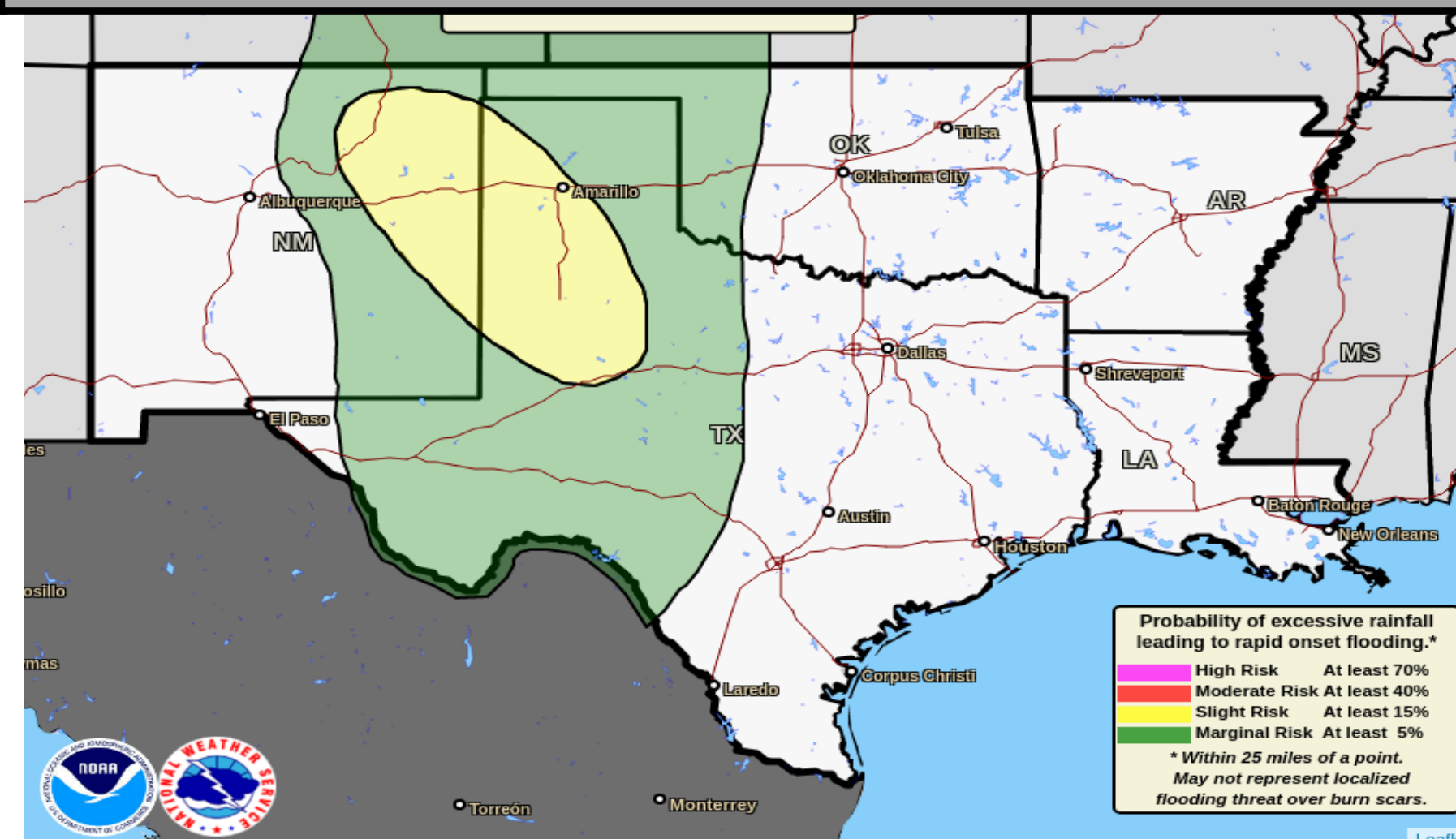
Slight to enhanced risk for severe thunderstorms (very large hail/wind/tornado) across WTX, E NM.

Slight risk for heavy rain/flash flooding NE NM, TX Panhandle.

Severe Weather Outlook

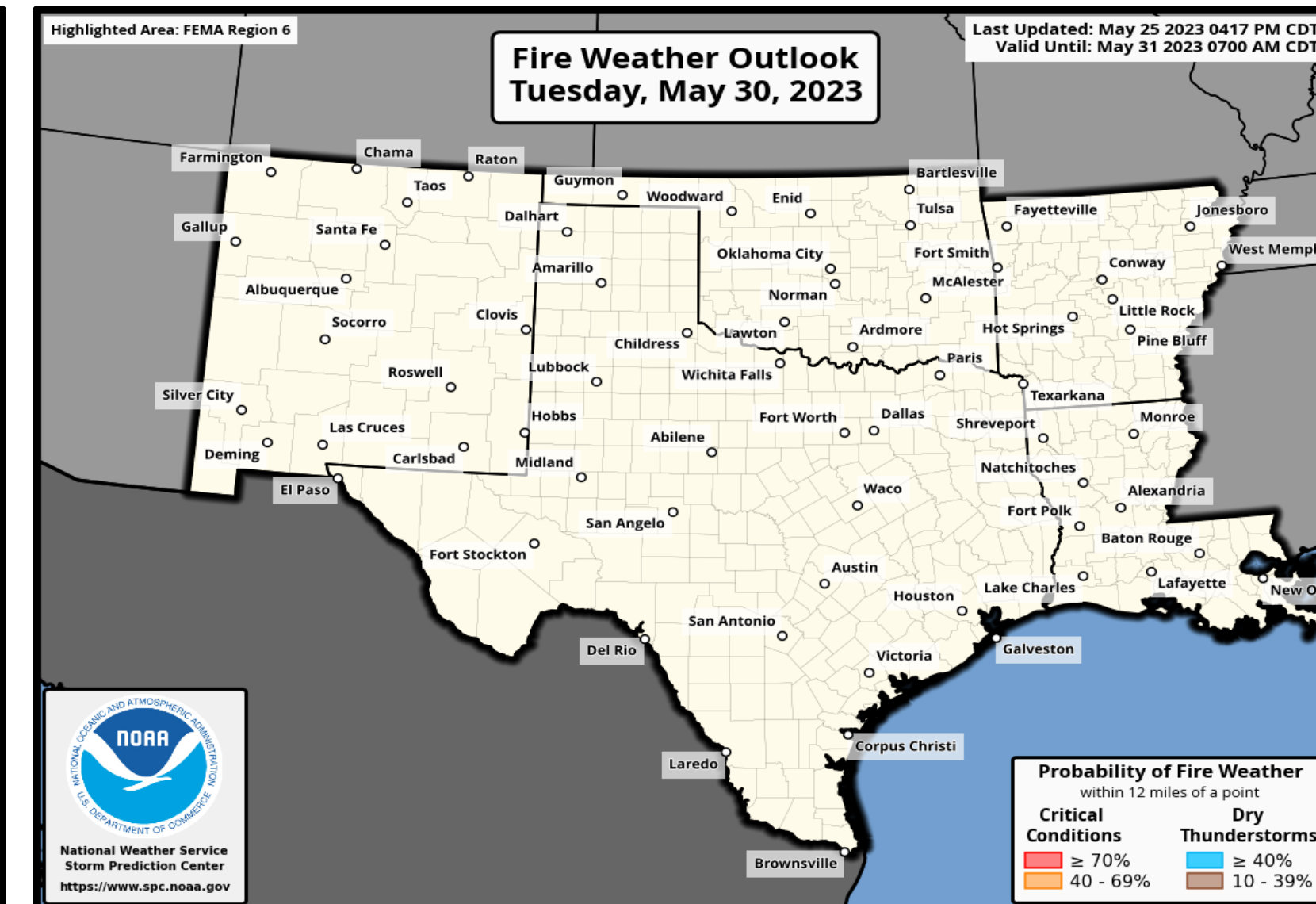
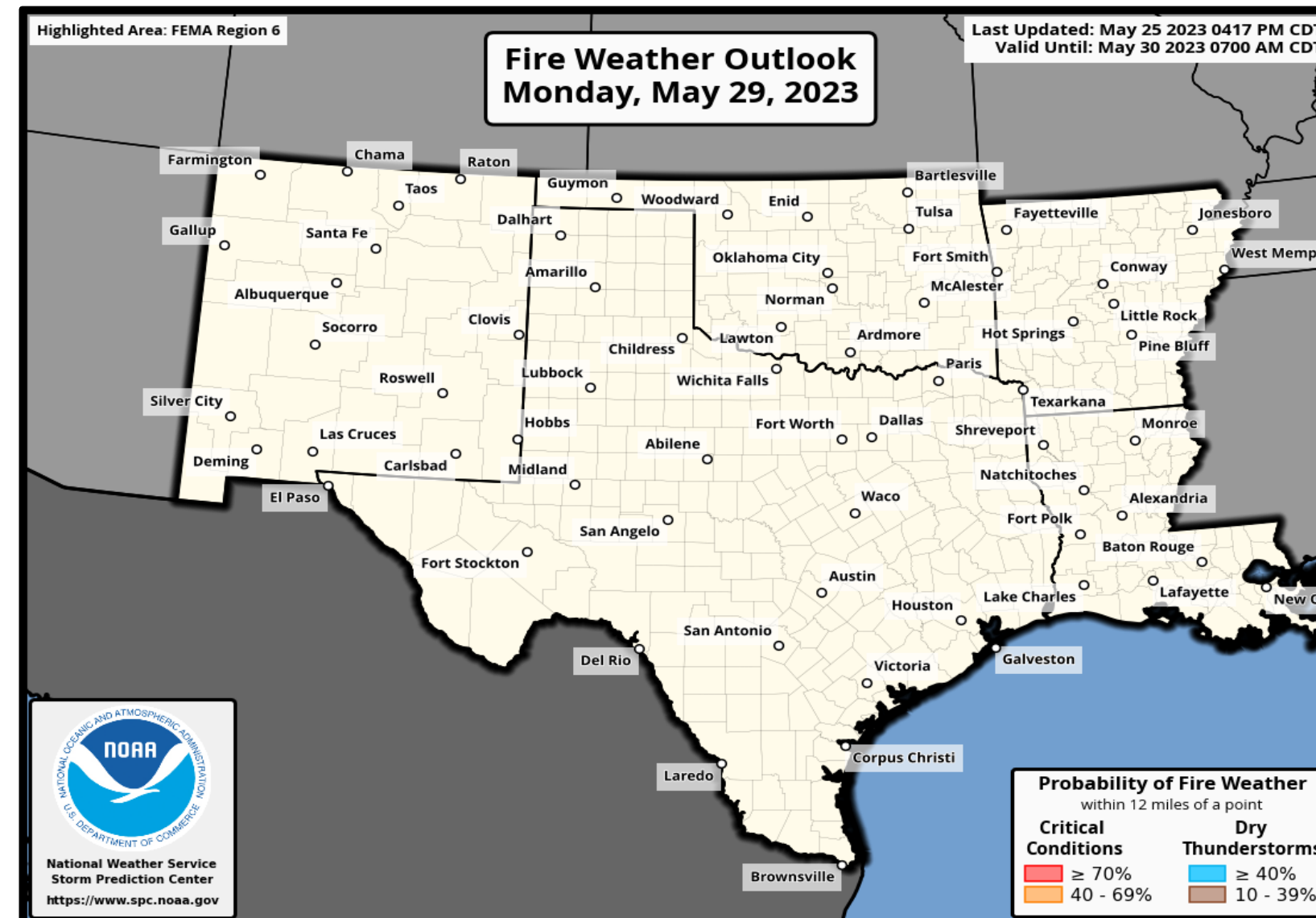
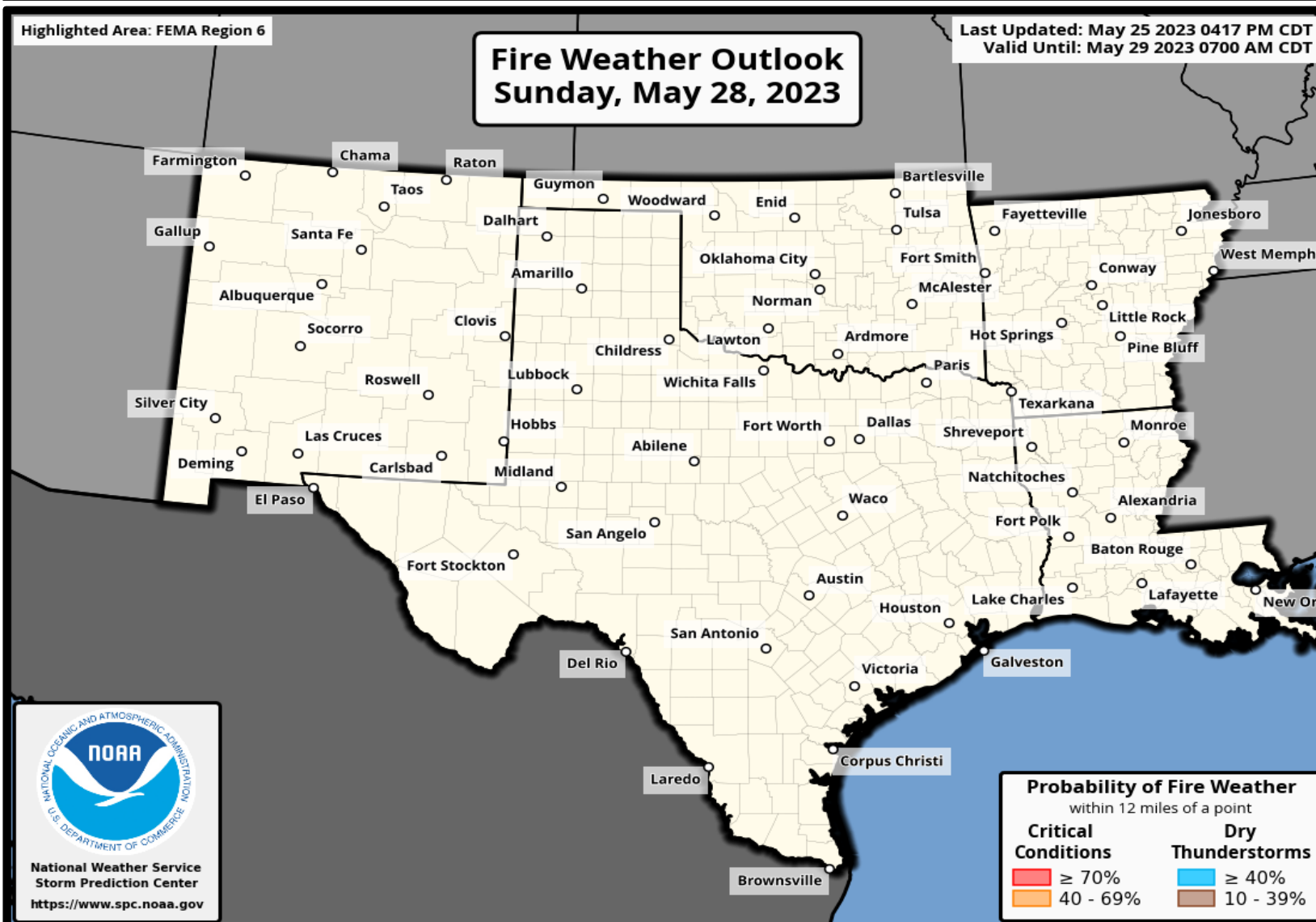
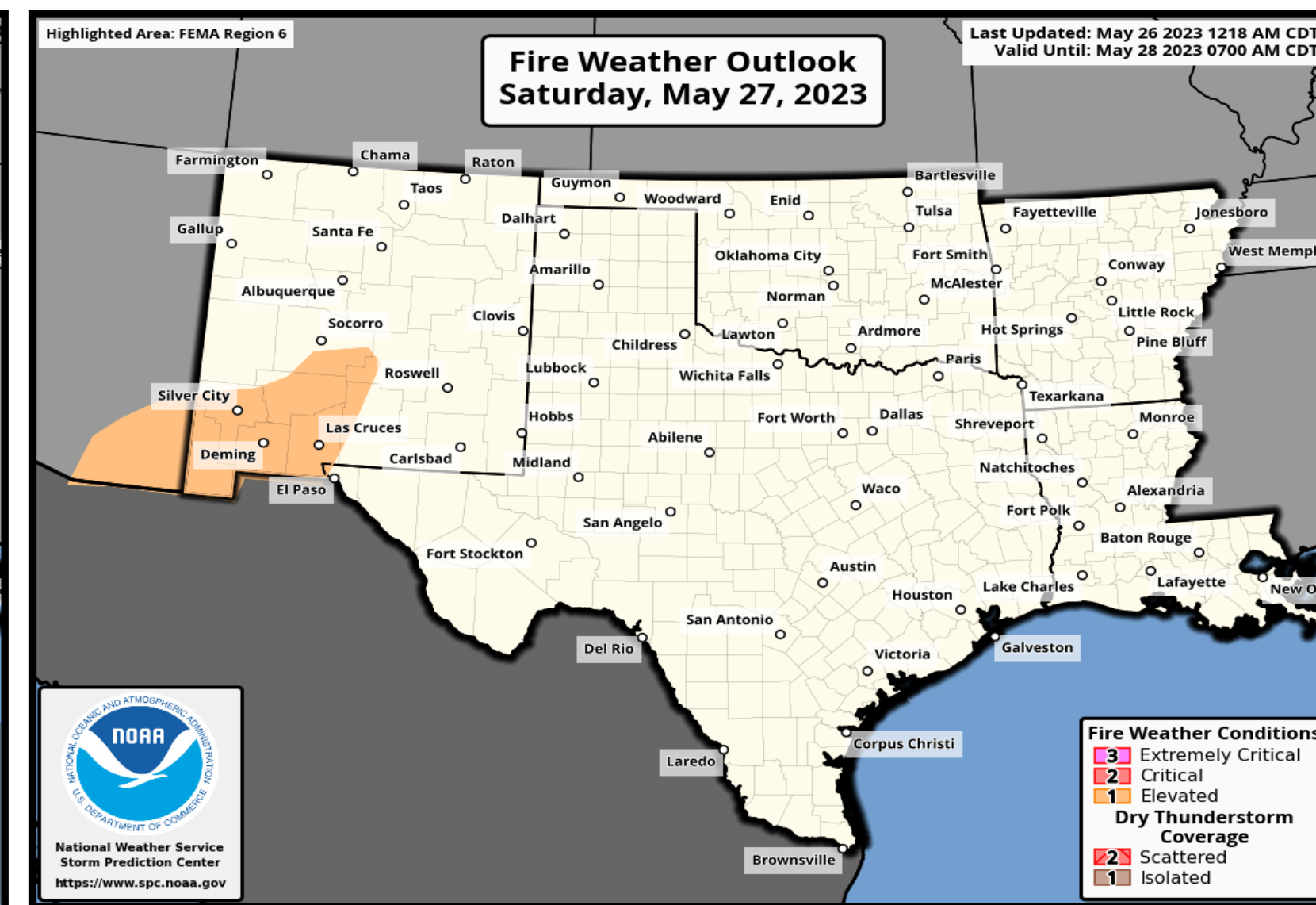
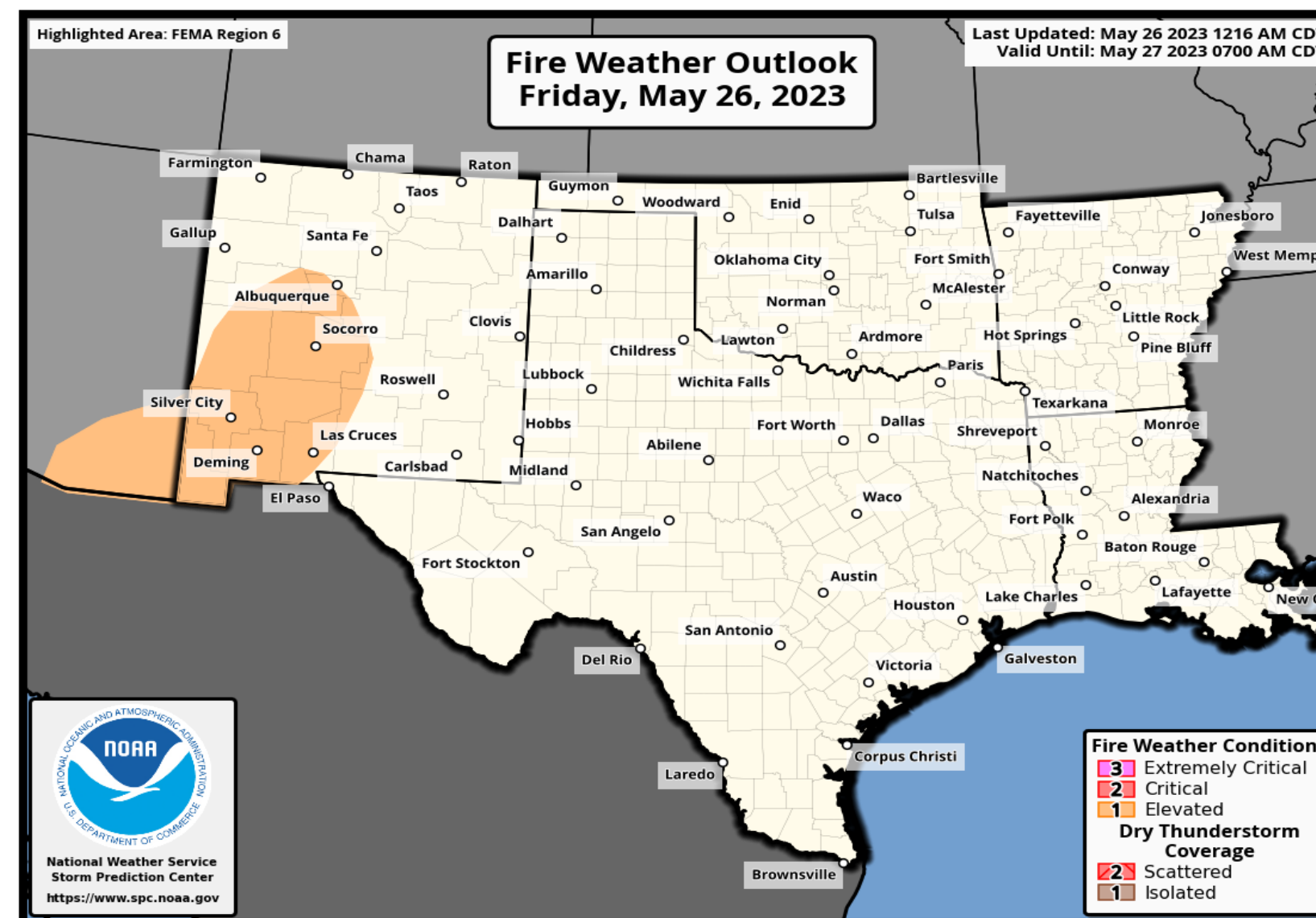
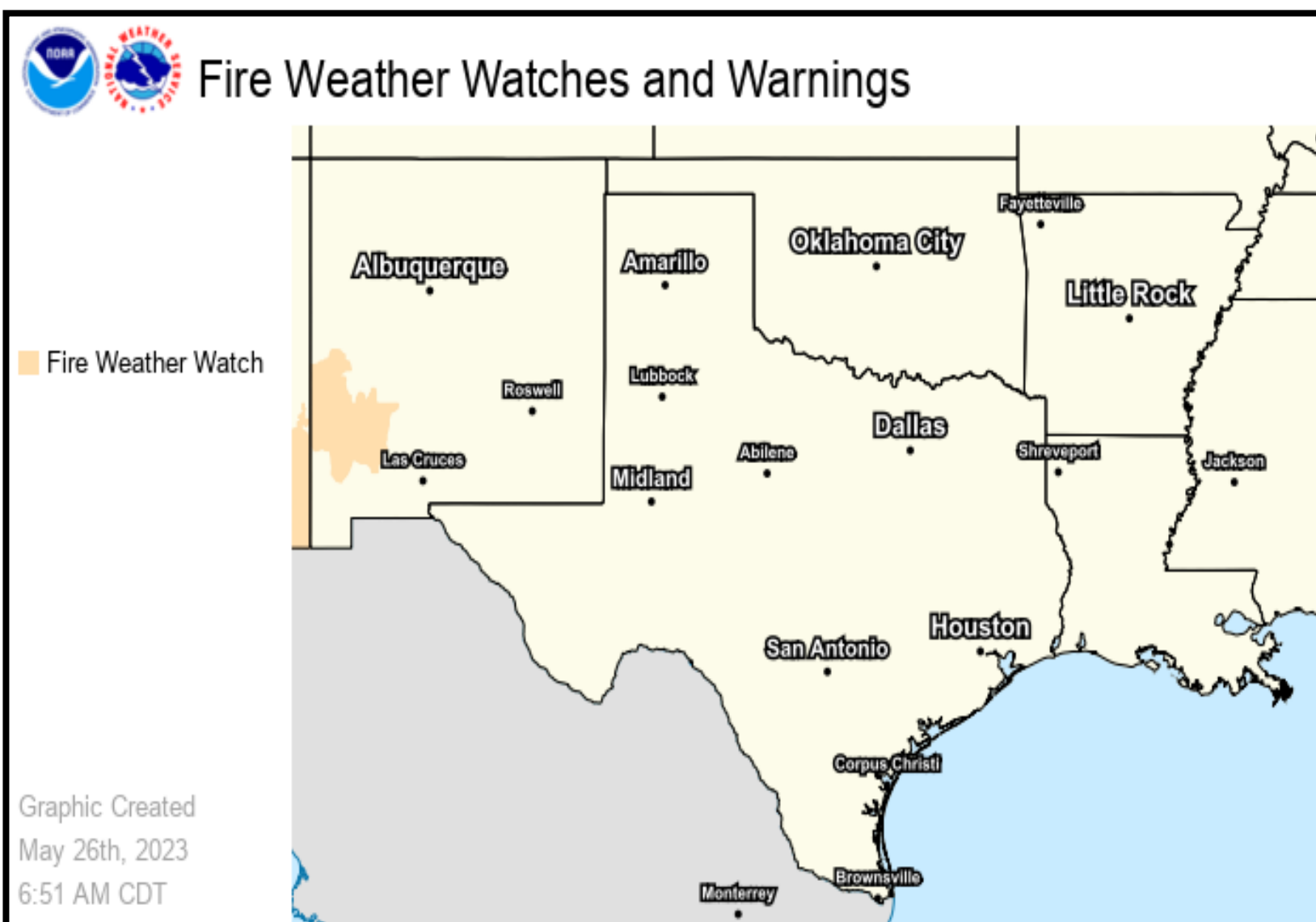


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





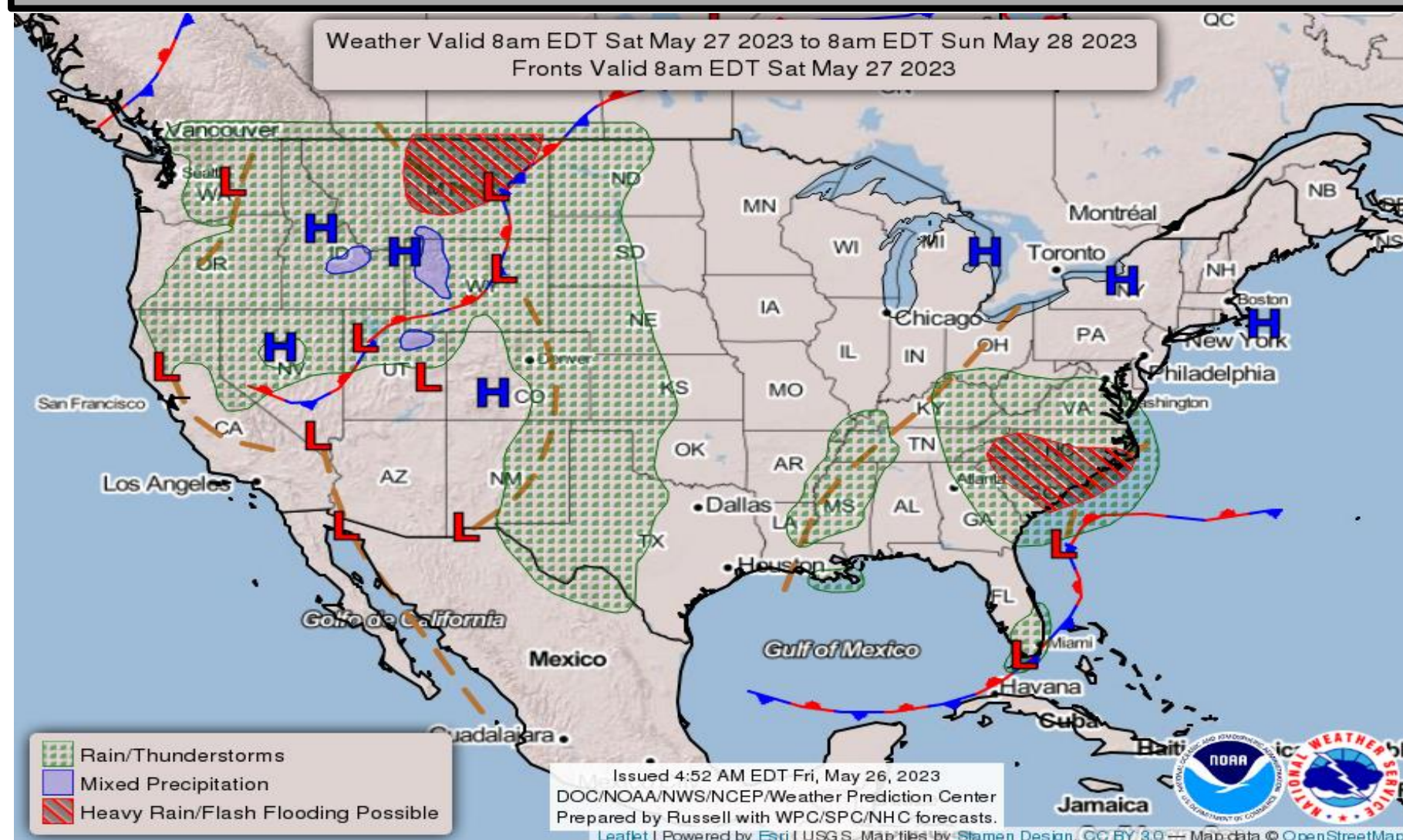
Fire Weather Outlooks



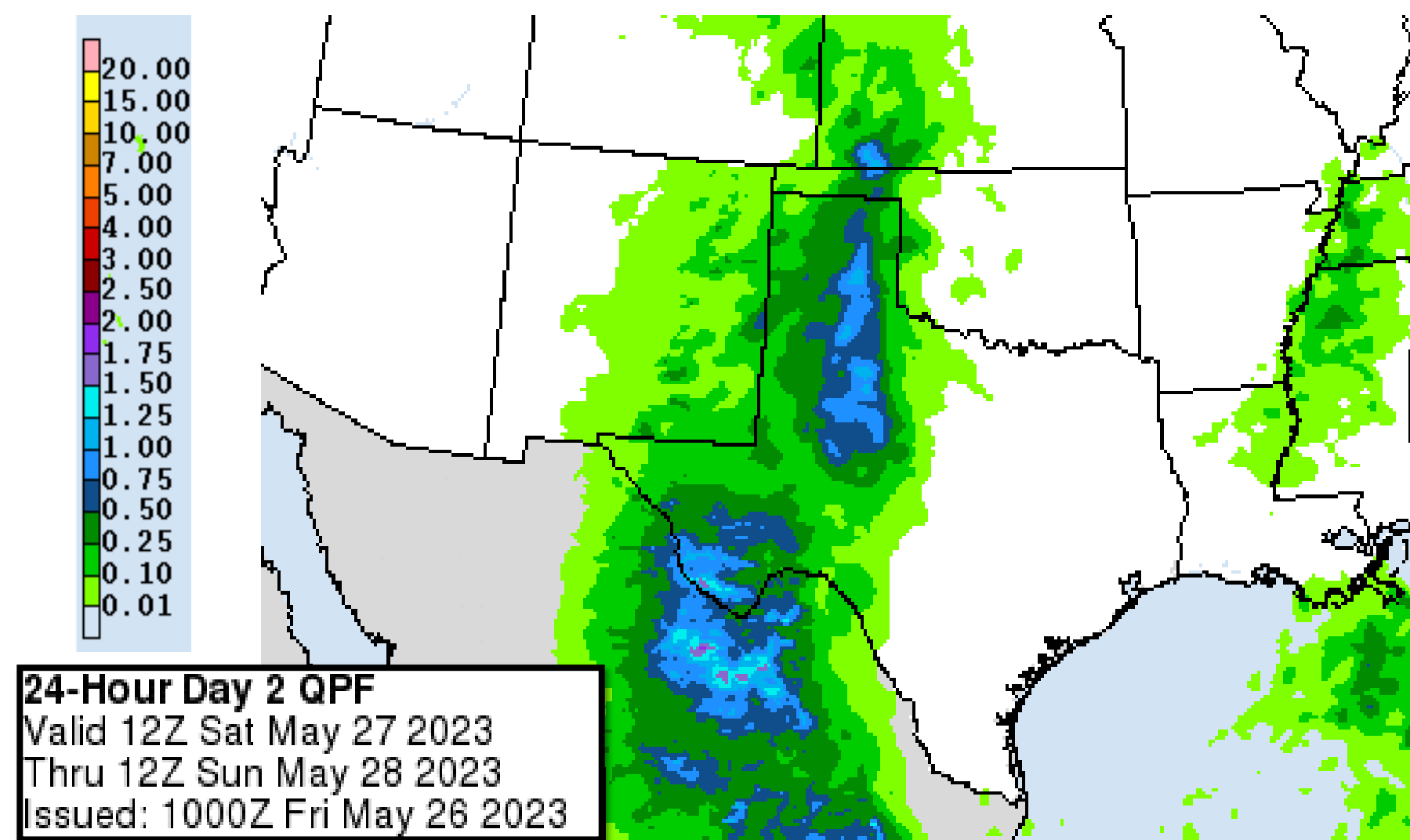


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

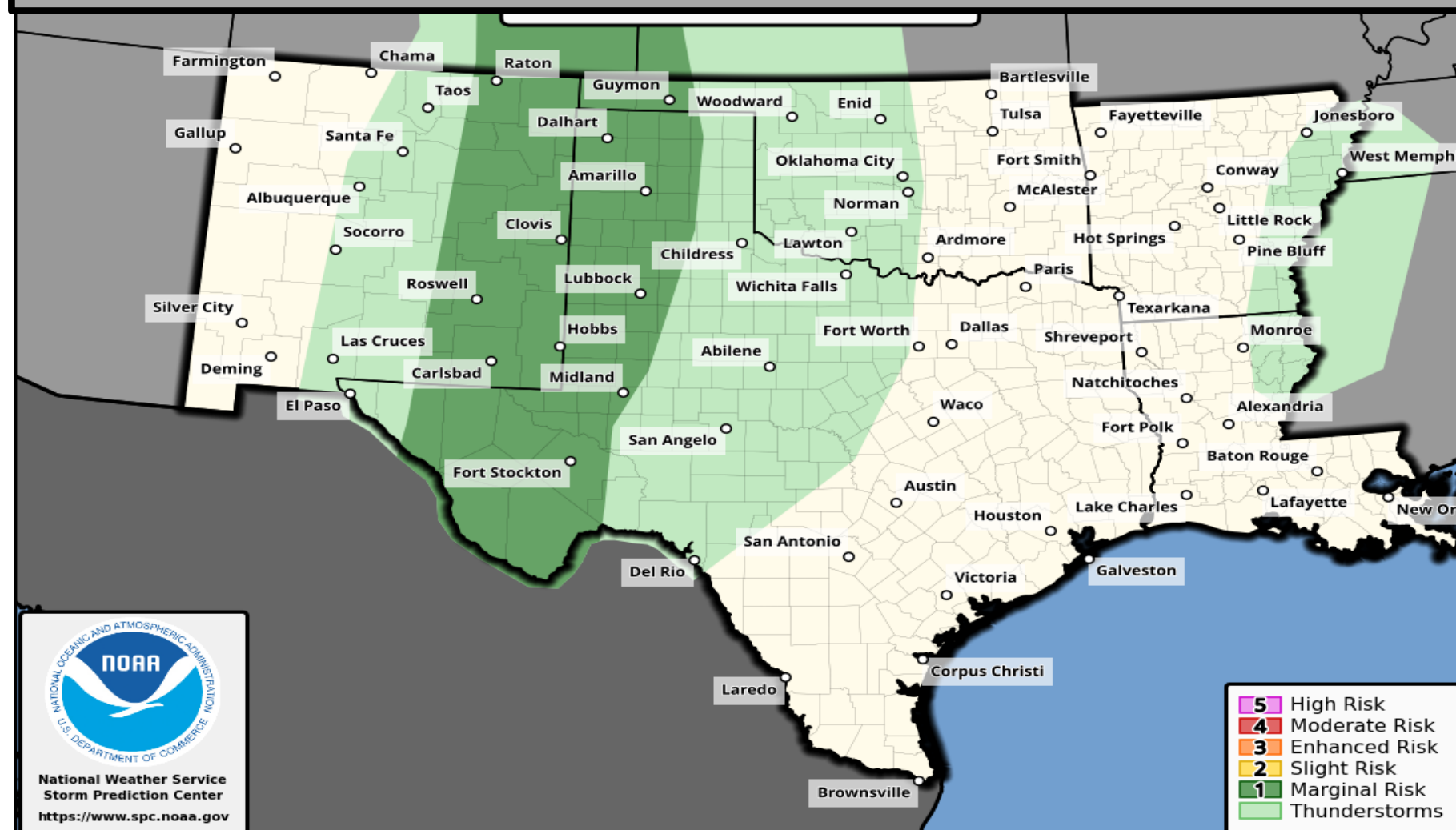


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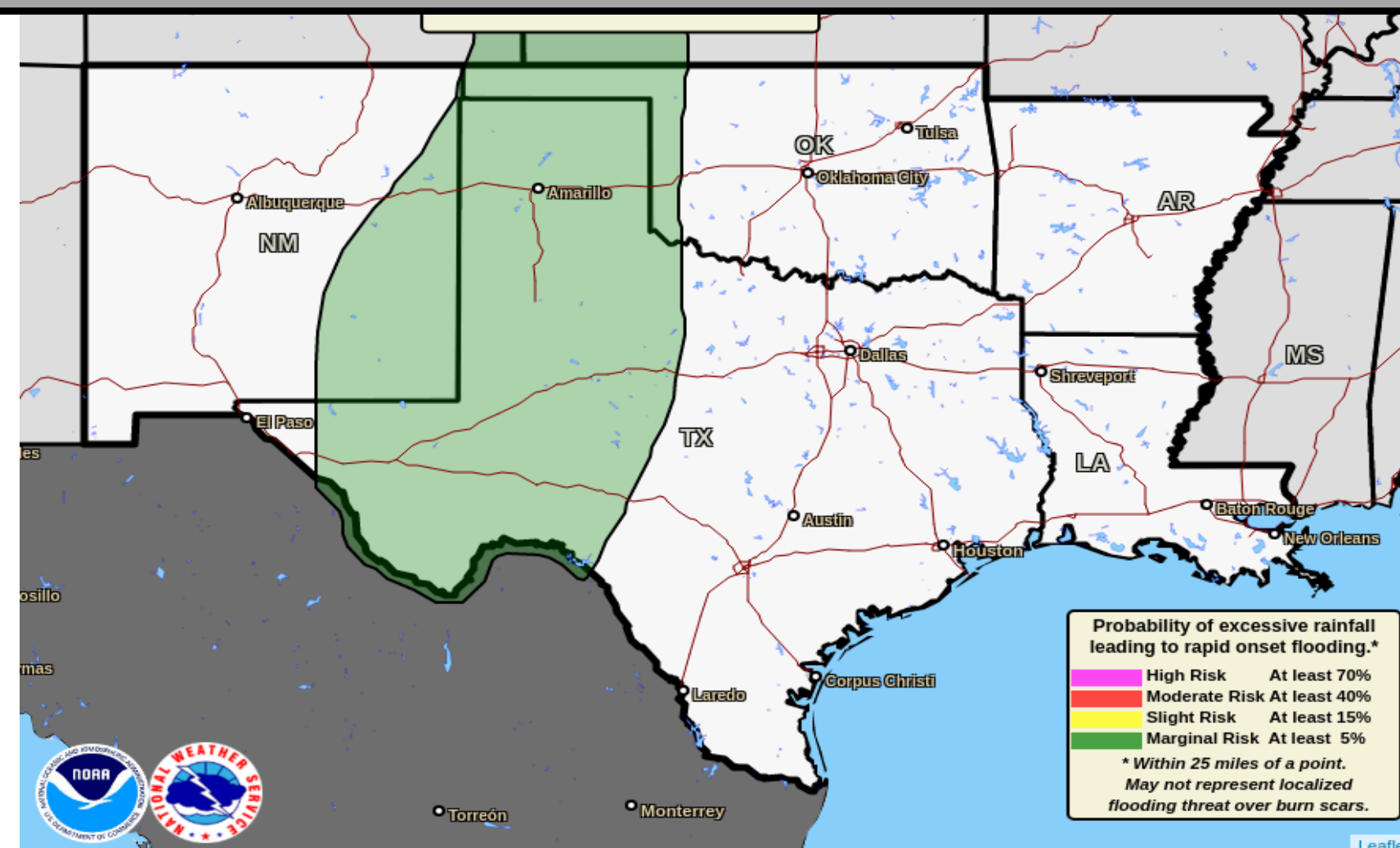


Marginal risk for severe storms (wind/hail) and heavy rain/flash flooding across W TX, W OK, and E NM.

Severe Weather Outlook



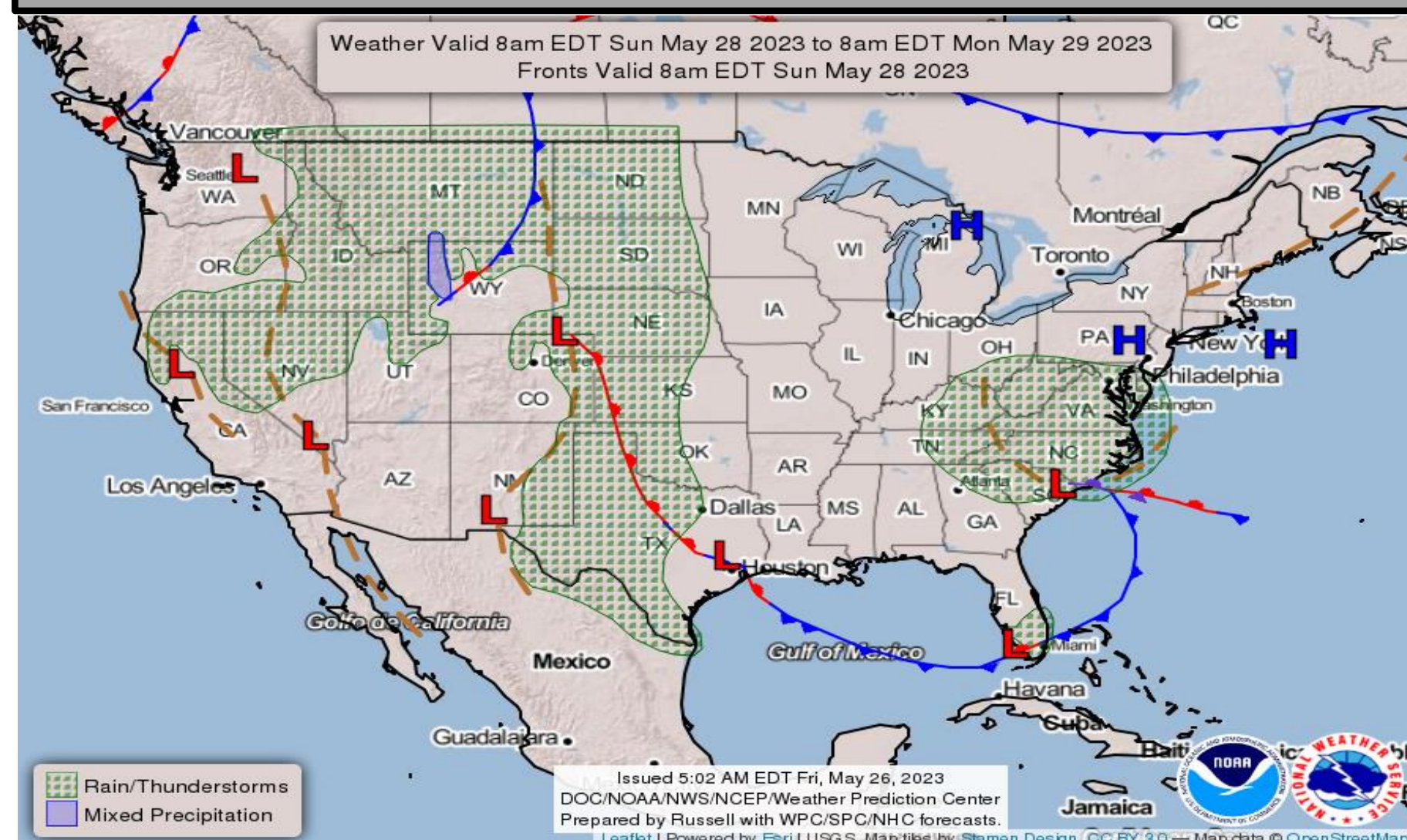
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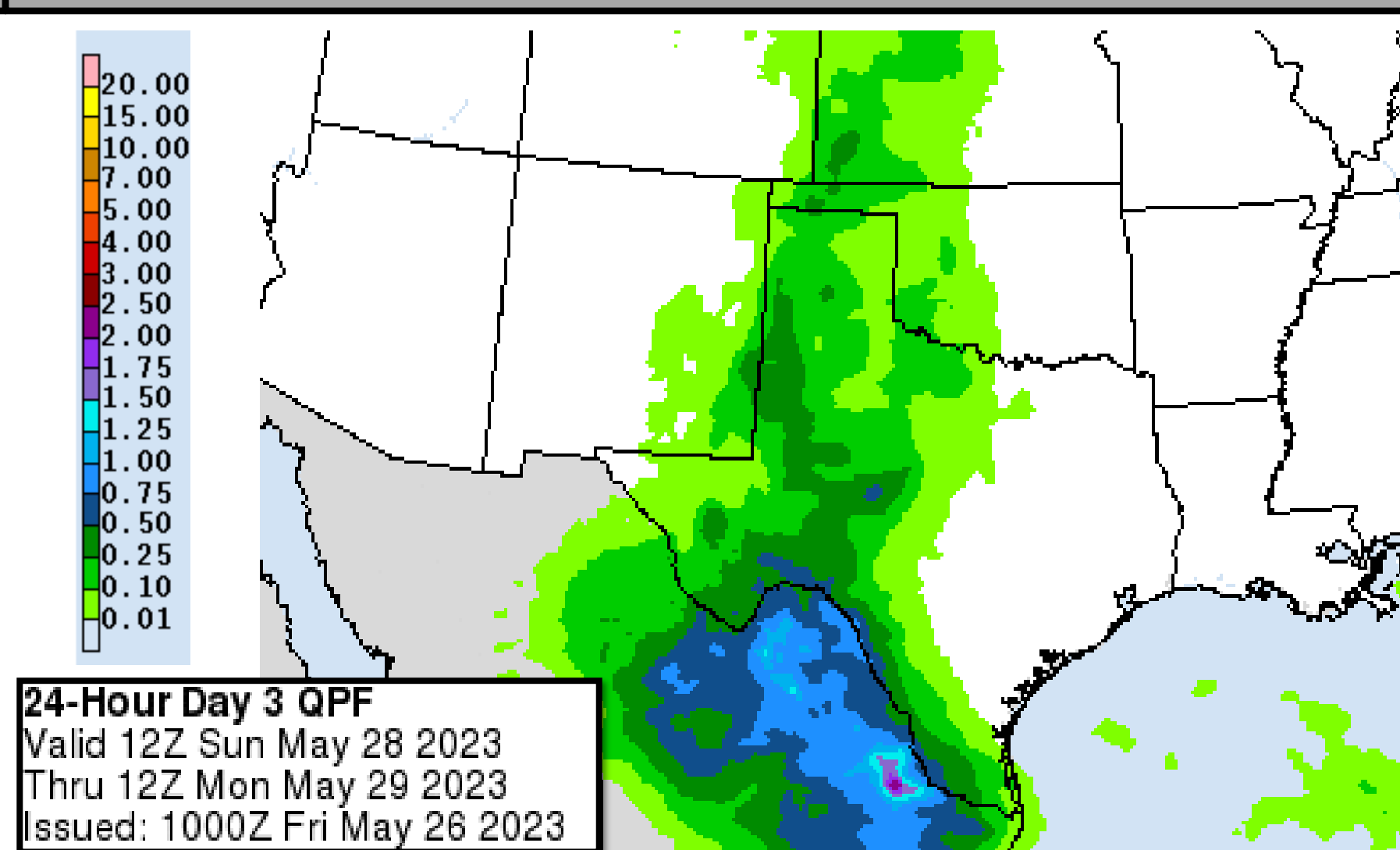


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



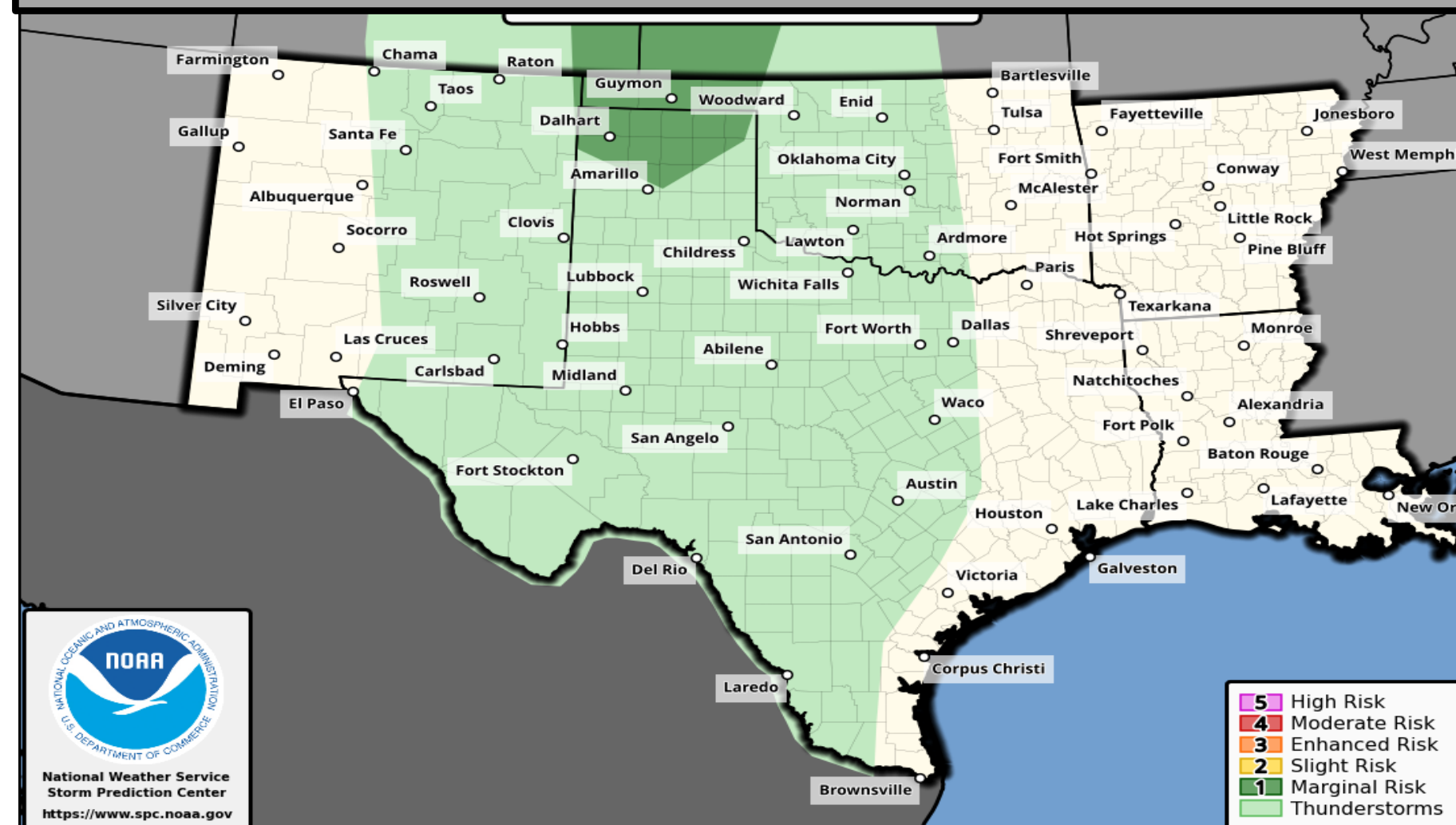
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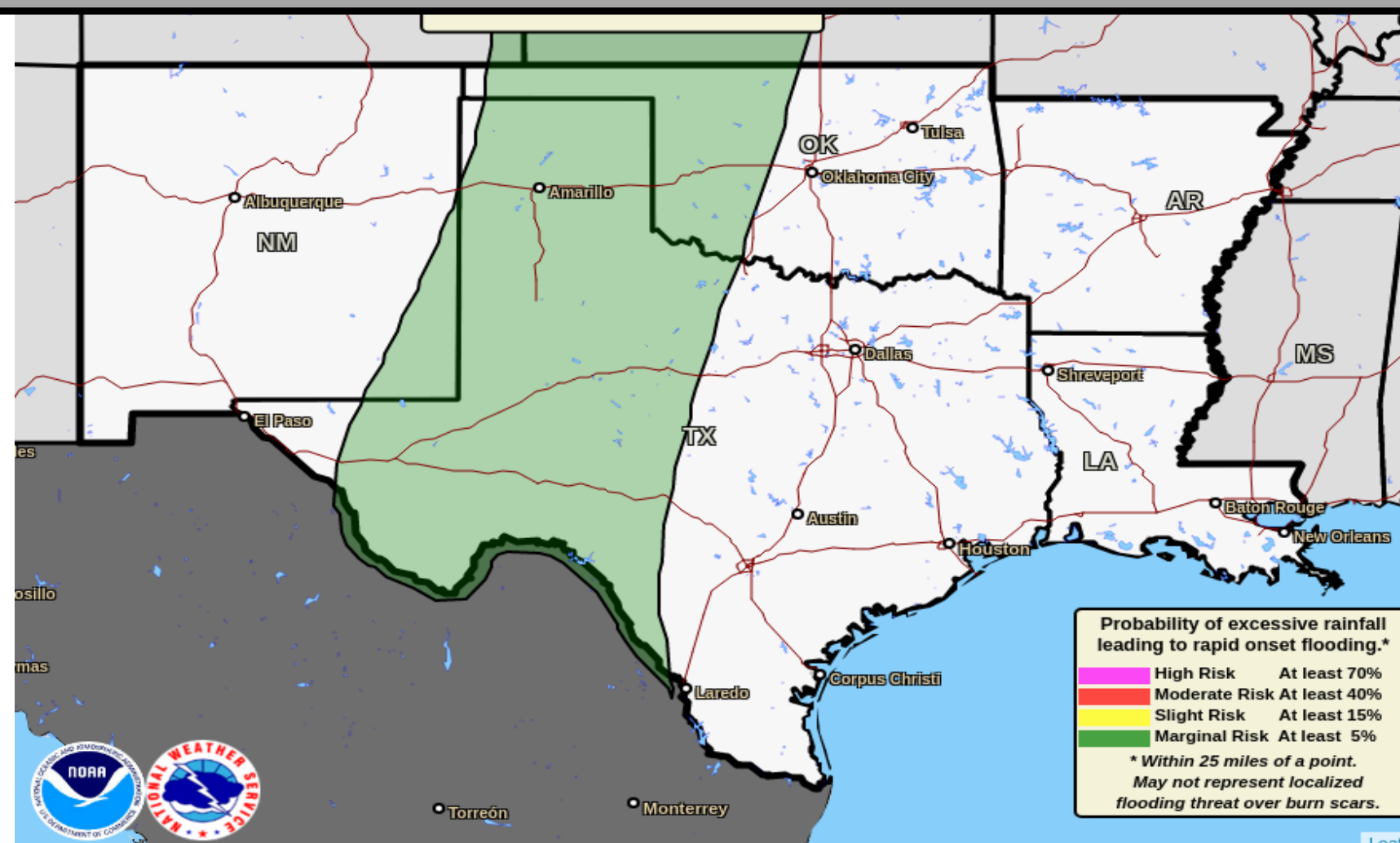
Marginal risk for heavy rain/flash flooding across W TX, W OK, and E NM.

Marginal risk for severe storms (wind/hail) for the TX/OK Panhandles.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

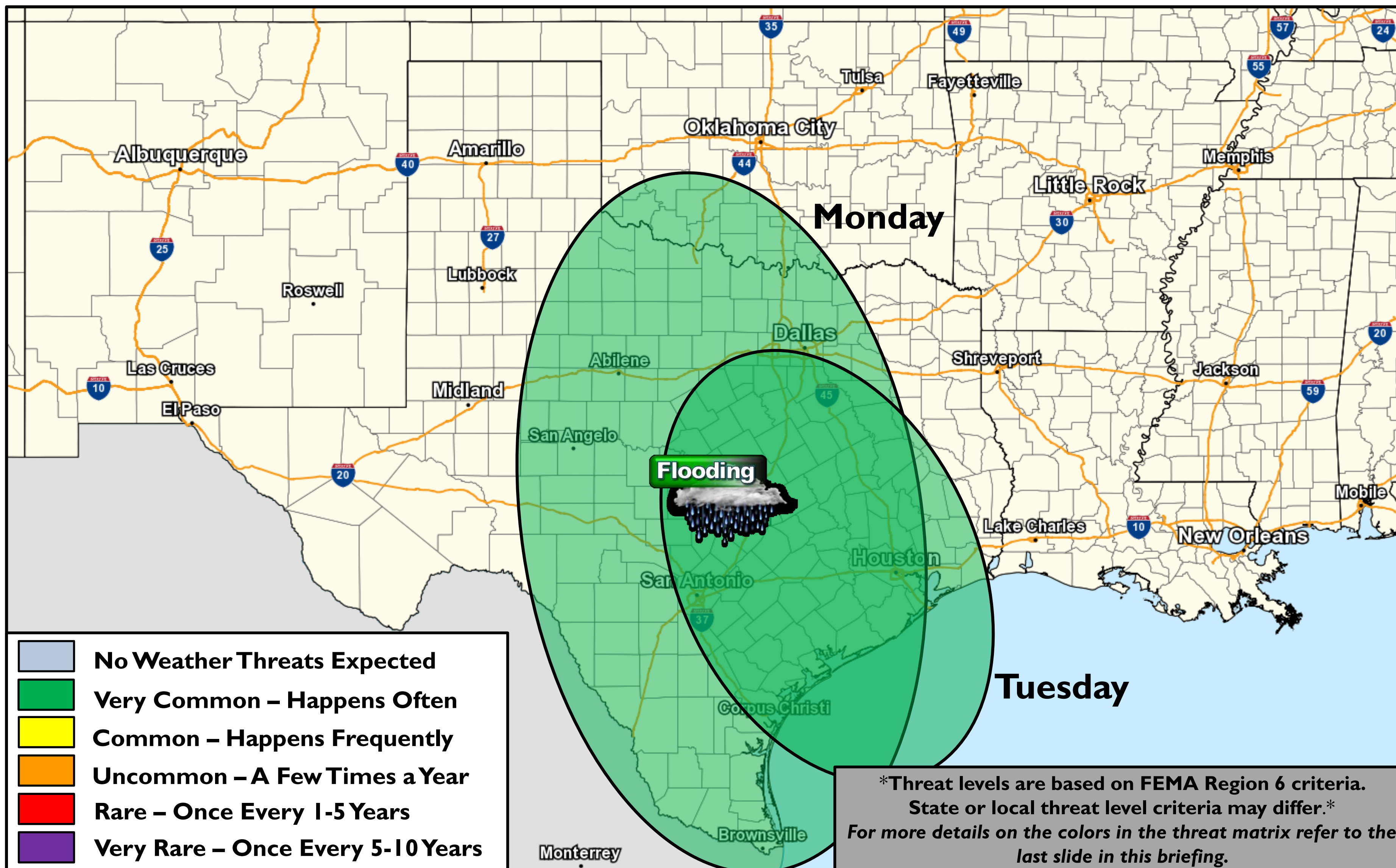




Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday - Tuesday

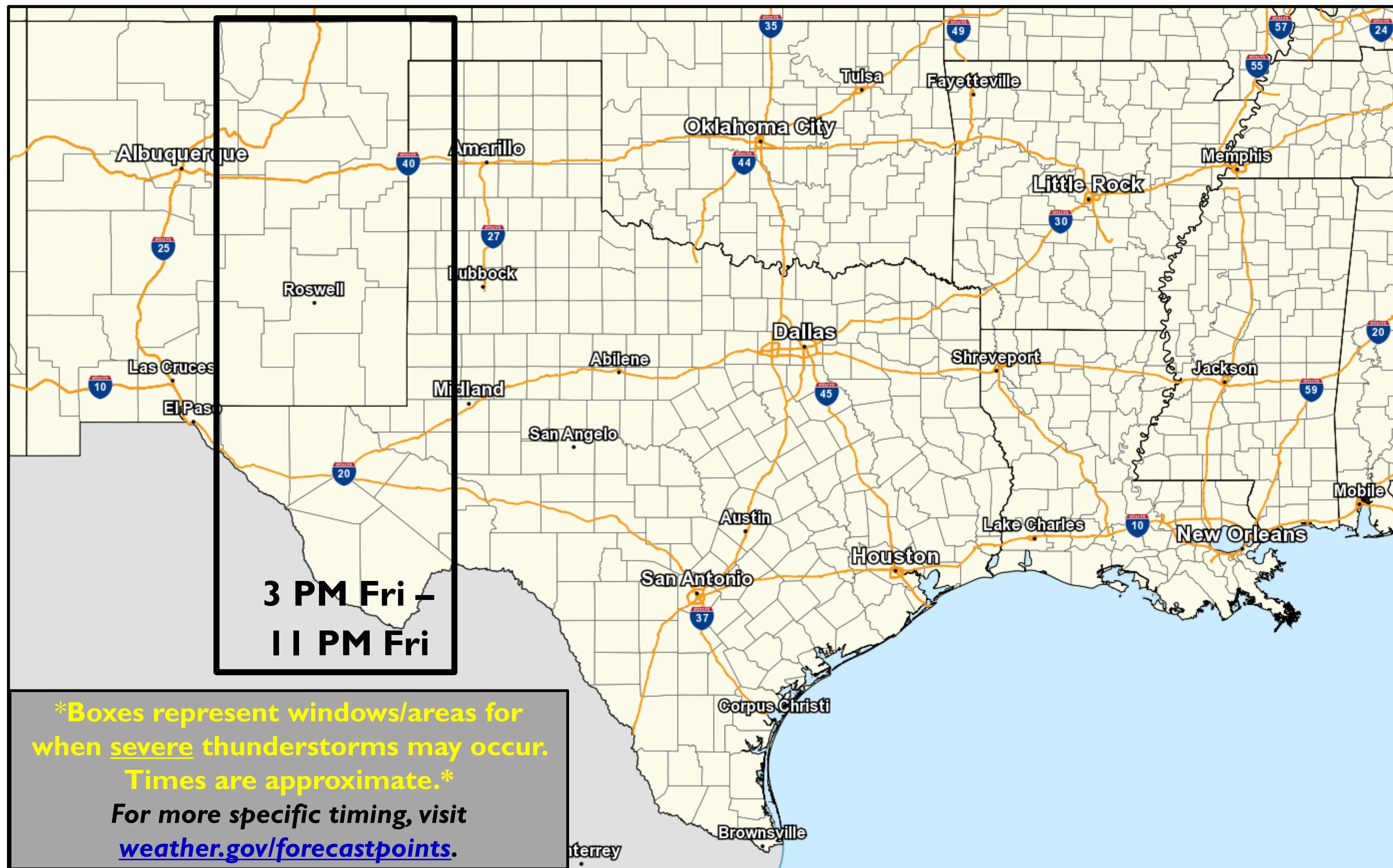
Marginal risk for heavy rain/flash flooding across S OK, TX on Monday and Ctrl/STX on Tuesday.





Hazard Timing: Today and Tonight

Severe Thunderstorms

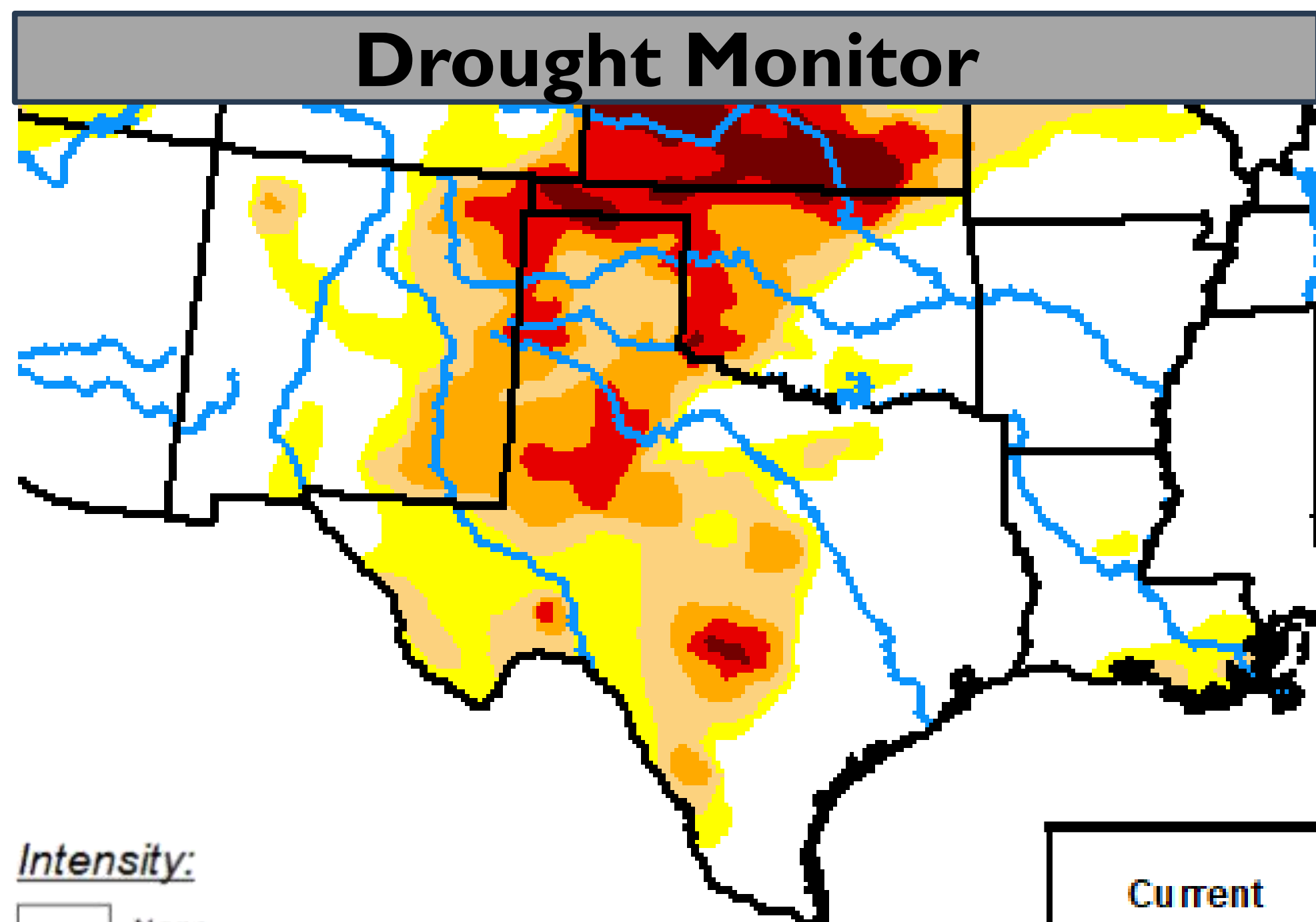


Today/Tonight
The most likely timing for severe storms is 3 PM Fri – 11 PM Fri. Greatest threat is near the SE NM/TX border.

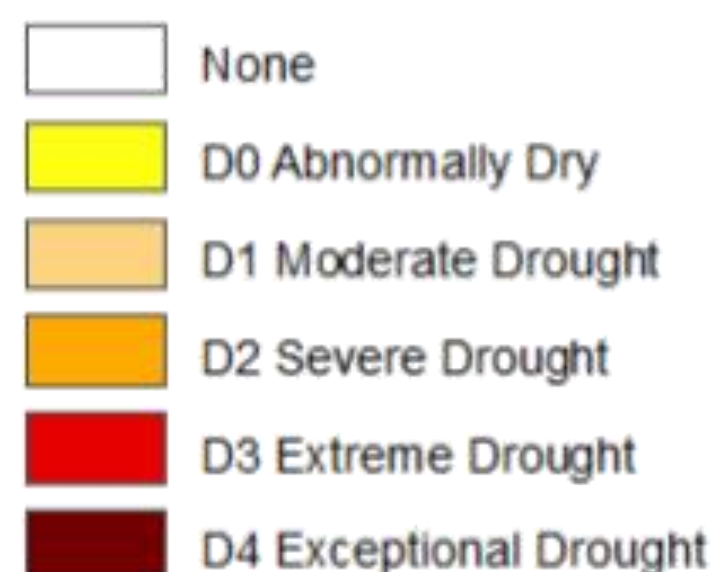


Drought Monitor (Released May 25, 2023)

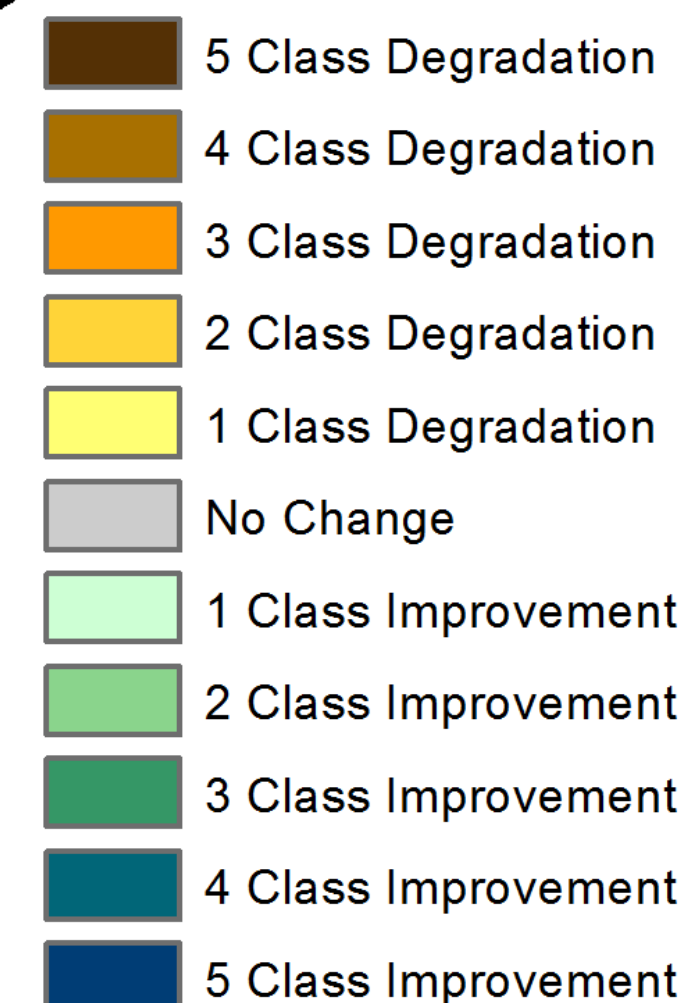
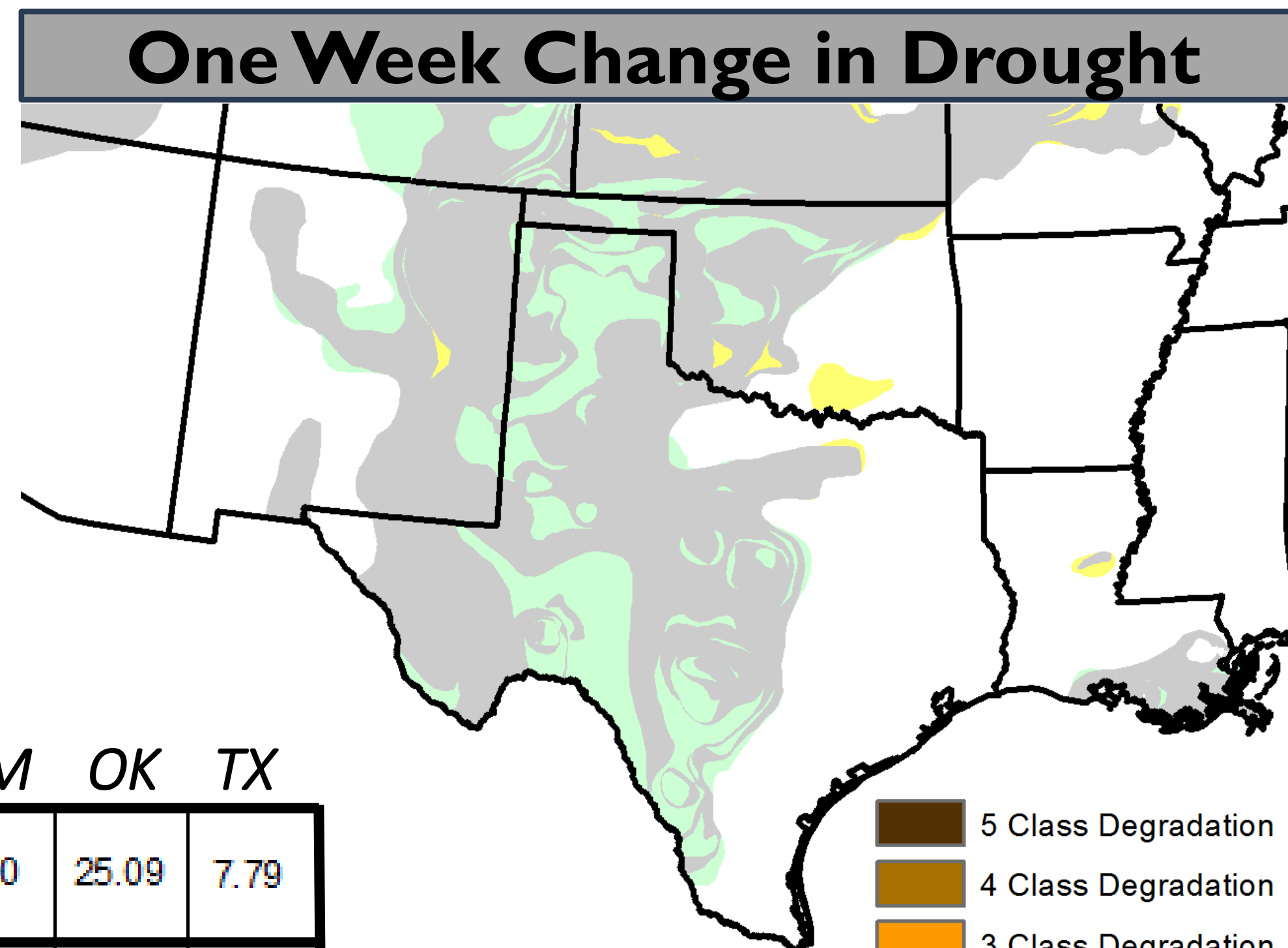
Data valid as of 8 am ET on Tuesday, May 23, 2023



Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



	AR	LA	NM	OK	TX
Current	0.00	0.00	3.00	25.09	7.79
Last Week 05-16-2023	0.00	0.00	4.96	30.67	11.73
3 Months Ago 02-21-2023	0.00	0.00	3.82	36.64	9.70
One Year Ago 05-24-2022	0.00	8.42	90.06	18.25	46.05

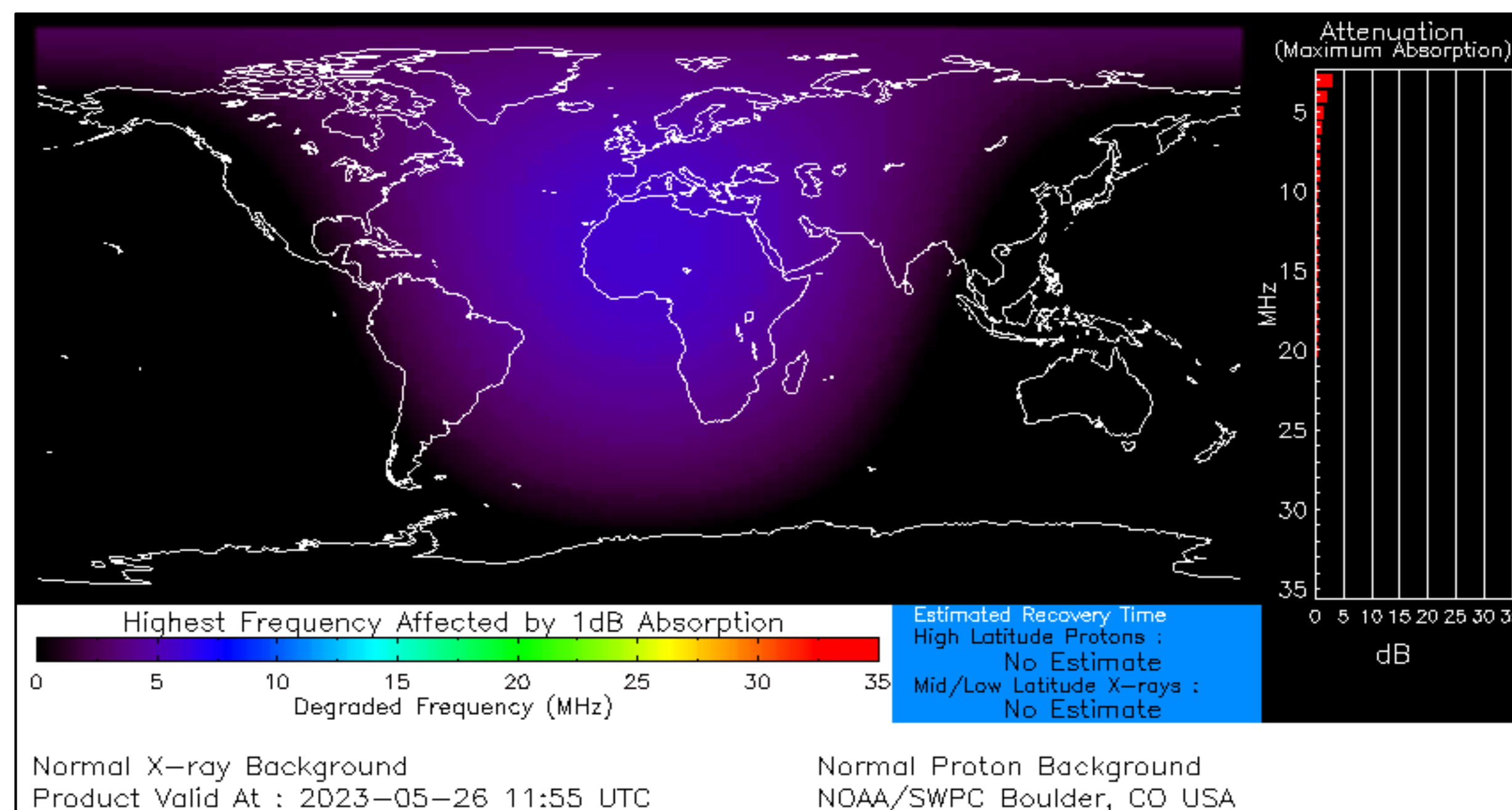
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)



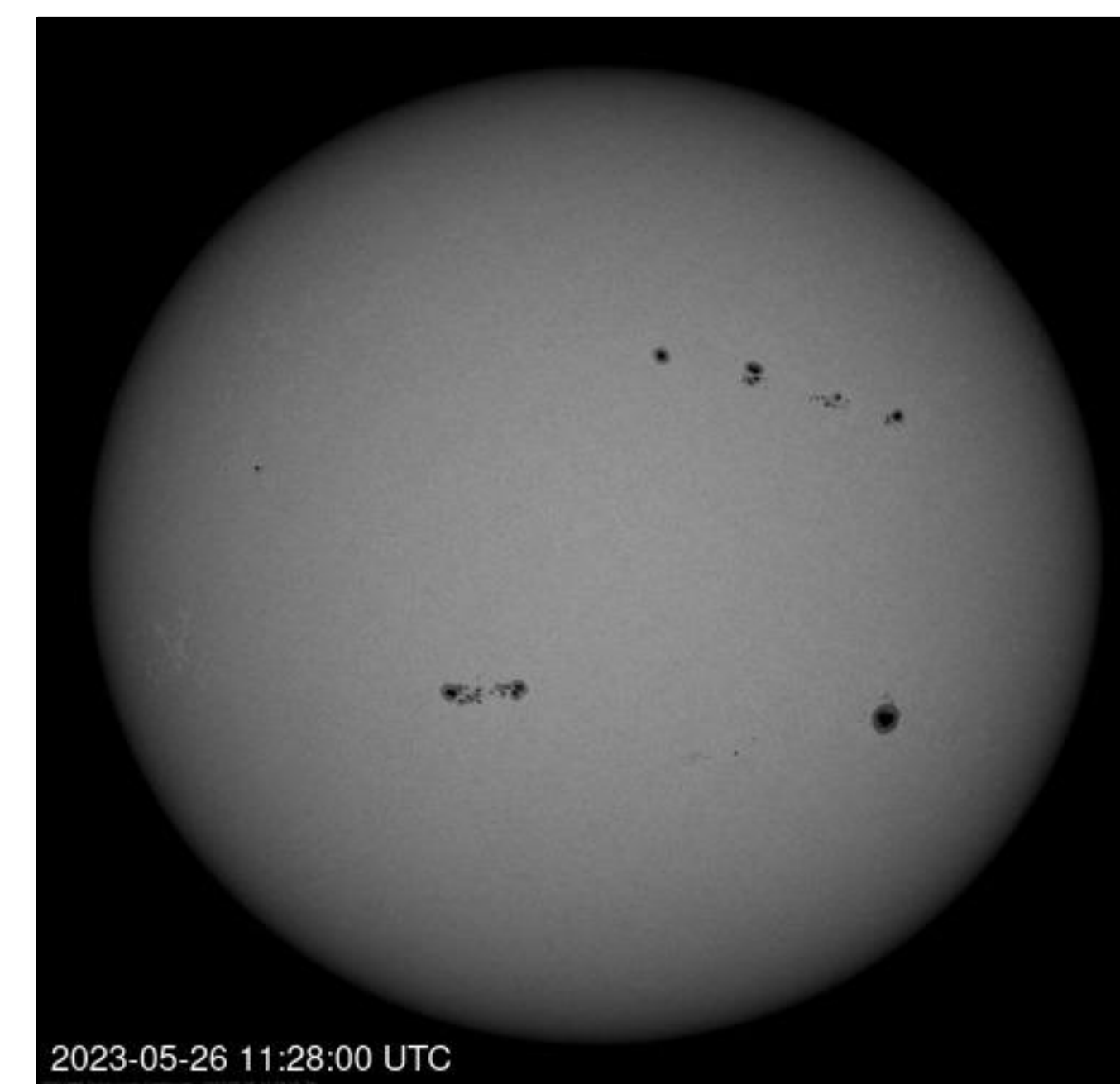
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	35%	35%	35%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix for FEMA Region VI

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as sea breeze storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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